

Engineering Academy Instructor Wins MIT Excite Award

Students and teacher begin work on round two of the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant

Cambridge, Massachusetts—May 9, 2008— [North Penn High School Engineering Academy](#) instructor, Michael Boyer, was recently named a recipient of the MIT Excite Award. Excite Awards are given to applicants who have submitted the initial application and have been selected by a panel of MIT professors, staff and alumni; inventors; researchers; entrepreneurs; and high school educators.

As an Excite Award Teacher, Michael is invited to attend this year's capstone InvenTeams event at MIT, EurekaFest, and submit a final application where he and his Engineering Design and Development students could become an InvenTeam for the 2008-2009 school year. EurekaFest, June 25 - Saturday, June 28, is a multi-day celebration designed to empower a legacy of inventors through activities that inspire youth, honor role models, and encourage creativity and problem solving.

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams is a national grants initiative of the [Lemelson-MIT Program](#) to foster inventiveness among high school students. InvenTeams composed of high school students, teachers and mentors are asked to collaboratively identify a problem that they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention. Grants of up to \$10,000 support each team's efforts. InvenTeams are encouraged to work with community partners, specifically the potential beneficiaries of their invention.

To learn more about the MIT InvenTeam program, please visit their website at: <http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/index.html>

To learn more about the North Penn Invent initiative, please visit their new website at: <http://www.NorthPennInvenTeam.org>

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